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all of them from having the opportunity to...

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, and after you get through speaking...I don't want to take up your time, I will tell you why.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: My last point. Remember this, a person does not enter an office simply by running for it. There are people who must vote for that individual. All of these people are registered voters, so if they think the person is not capable, then the person will not be elected. In the interest of allowing the franchise or the voting right to really be a right, you must allow people to vote for whomever they please. So what conceivably could happen if you adopt this amendment of Senator Labedz is to have a situation in a community where the only one able to discharge the duties of an office are available for it could be below the age of 18 and could win by write-in, but would be automatically disqualified from office despite the approval of his or her cohorts or fellow citizens. I don't think that is wise, so I hope you will consider that and strike this language. No need for it has been shown. Thank you.

SENATOR KAHLE: I heard Senator Chambers mention closing. I don't know whether he...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Microphone not activated)...on that particular point. I don't want to foreclose people from being able to speak because Senator Labedz had made it clear she wants to.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Chambers says that wisdom does not come with years, and I agree with him. But if he feels very strongly about that then I think that he should come in with an amendment that eliminates the age limitation that we have on the Governor, the Legislature, the Public Service Commission. I don't have that list in front of me, but we do already have age